GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY EU ON INDIAN MARINE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union imposed any specification of quality maintenance in the marine food exports from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any study in the field of marine exports after the imposition of restrictions by European Unions;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the extent to which restrictions have affected our marine exports?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 649 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH 2002, REGARDING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY EU ON INDIAN MARINE EXPORT

(a)&(b)European Commission had laid down the health conditions for the production and placing of fishery products on the markets of EU countries in July 1991 which apply to fishing vessels, landing centers, market premises, processing establishments, transport vehicles etc. applicable to third countries, including India, desirous of exporting to the EU.

European Commission, also laid down in 1996, measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products as a result, the production process of animals and primary products of animal origin shall be monitored for the purpose of detecting the presence of the residues and substances in live animals, their excrement and body fluids and in tissue, animal products, animal feed and drinking water. Recently due to the detection of antibiotic residues like chloramphenicol in shrimps imported from China and countries like Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar, the EU has intensified testing consignments for these substances.

(c) & (d):Though no specific study on marine exports has been conducted, the export trends from India competing countries to the EU and from India to all countries are constantly being analysed and changes in the strategy made.

(e) After the imposition of ban on the export of fish and fishery products to EU countries from India in August, 1997 which was lifted in December, 1997, the exports to EU have picked up to the level existing prior to the imposition of ban as given in the table given below:

Export of European Union

Year	Quantity Exported(MT)	Value in Rupees Crores	Value in US $ Million
1995-96	87212	911.87	289.48
1996-97	71192	790.11	221.01
1997-98	34875	412.53	113.81
1998-99	54261	684.62	163.78
1999-2000	65402	905.56	210.45
2000-01	68827	1025.36	225.37
2001-02 (+)	69756	960.42	202.48

(+) upto Feb.2002.